ATTACHMENT A

Claims 1 – 6: (Cancelled)

7) (Currently Amended) An elastic film comprising a polymer blend (A) comprising:

(I) 50 to 80% by weight of an ethylene polymer composition comprising a recurring unit derived from an ester selected from (1) ethylenically unsaturated organic monomer of esters of unsaturated C_3-C_{20} monocarboxylic acids and C_1 to C_{24} monovalent aliphatic or alicyclic alcohols, ~~and (2) vinyl esters of saturated C_2-C_{18} carboxylic acids,~~ wherein the ester ranges from 2.5 to 8 % by weight based on a total weight of the ethylene polymer composition; the ethylene polymer composition having a density ranging from 0.920 to 0.935 g/mL; and

(II) 20 to 50% of an ethylene-based polymer component having a density ranging from 0.9 to 0.930 g/mL and a melt flow rate up to 4 g/10 min; the ethylene-based polymer component is selected from:

(i) a linear polyethylene (i) consisting of ethylene and 0.5 to 20% by mole of a CH_2=CHR α-olefin, where R is a hydrocarbon radical having 2-8 carbon atoms; and

(ii) a polymer blend (ii) comprising (a) 80-100 parts by weight of a random interpolymer of ethylene with at least one CH_2=CHR α-olefin, wherein R is a hydrocarbon radical having 1-10 carbon atoms, the ~~polymer blend~~ <u>random interpolymer of ethylene</u> comprising up to 20 mol% of a CH_2=CHR α-olefin and the ~~polymer blend~~ <u>random interpolymer of ethylene</u> having a density between 0.88 and 0.945 g/mL; and (b) from 5 to 30 parts by weight of a random interpolymer of propylene with at least one CH_2=CHR α-olefin, wherein R is a hydrocarbon radical having from 2 to 10 carbon atoms; the interpolymer of propylene comprising from 60 to 98% by weight of units derived from propylene, from 2 to 40% by weight of recurring

units derived from a CH_2=CHR α-olefin, wherein R is a hydrocarbon having from 1-10 carbon atoms, and from 0 to 10% by weight of recurring units derived from ethylene; and the random interpolymer of propylene ~~polymer blend~~ having a xylene-insoluble fraction at room temperature greater than 70%;

the film having a ratio between a MD Elmendorf tear resistance and a TD Elmendorf tear resistance of 0.3 or less.

8) (Currently Amended) The elastic film of claim 7, wherein the ethylene polymer composition is an ethylene-methyl acrylate copolymer, ethylene-ethyl acrylate copolymer, or an ethylene-butyl acrylate copolymer ~~or ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer~~.

9) (Currently Amended) The elastic film of claim 7, wherein the ~~ethylene polymer composition~~ ethylene-based polymer component further comprises a comonomer selected from butene-1, hexene-1, octene-1, and 4-methyl-1-pentene.

10) (Previously Presented) The elastic film of claim 7, wherein the random interpolymer of ethylene is an ethylene-butene-1 copolymer.

11) (Previously Presented) The elastic film of claim 7, wherein the random interpolymer of propylene is a propylene-ethylene-butene-1 terpolymer.

12) (Previously Presented) An elastic banding tape comprising the elastic film of claim 7.

13) (New) An elastic film comprising a polymer blend (A), the polymer blend (A) comprising:

(I) 50 to 80% by weight of an ethylene polymer composition consisting essentially of ethylene and a recurring unit derived from an ester selected from (1) ethylenically unsaturated organic monomer of esters of unsaturated C_3-C_{20} monocarboxylic acids and C_1 to C_{24} monovalent aliphatic or alicyclic

alcohols, wherein the ester ranges from 2.5 to 8 % by weight based on a total weight of the ethylene polymer composition; the ethylene polymer composition having a density ranging from 0.920 to 0.935 g/mL; and

(II) 20 to 50% of an ethylene-based polymer component having a density ranging from 0.9 to 0.930 g/mL and a melt flow rate up to 4 g/10 min; the ethylene-based polymer component is selected from:

(i) a linear polyethylene (i) consisting of ethylene and 0.5 to 20% by mole of a CH_2=CHR α-olefin, where R is a hydrocarbon radical having 2-8 carbon atoms; and

(ii) a polymer blend (ii) comprising (a) 80-100 parts by weight of a random interpolymer of ethylene with at least one CH_2=CHR α-olefin, wherein R is a hydrocarbon radical having 1-10 carbon atoms, the random interpolymer of ethylene comprising up to 20 mol% of a CH_2=CHR α-olefin and the random interpolymer of ethylene having a density between 0.88 and 0.945 g/mL; and (b) from 5 to 30 parts by weight of a random interpolymer of propylene with at least one CH_2=CHR α-olefin, wherein R is a hydrocarbon radical having from 2 to 10 carbon atoms; the interpolymer of propylene comprising from 60 to 98% by weight of units derived from propylene, from 2 to 40% by weight of recurring units derived from a CH_2=CHR α-olefin, wherein R is a hydrocarbon having from 1-10 carbon atoms, and from 0 to 10% by weight of recurring units derived from ethylene; and the random interpolymer of propylene having a xylene-insoluble fraction at room temperature greater than 70%;

the film having a ratio between a MD Elmendorf tear resistance and a TD Elmendorf tear resistance of 0.3 or less.

14) (New) An elastic film comprising a polymer blend (A), the polymer blend (A) consisting essentially of:

(I) 50 to 80% by weight of an ethylene polymer composition consisting of

ethylene and a recurring unit derived from an ester selected from (1) ethylenically unsaturated organic monomer of esters of unsaturated C_3-C_{20} monocarboxylic acids and C_1 to C_{24} monovalent aliphatic or alicyclic alcohols, wherein the ester ranges from 2.5 to 8 % by weight based on a total weight of the ethylene polymer composition; the ethylene polymer composition having a density ranging from 0.920 to 0.935 g/mL; and

(II) 20 to 50% of an ethylene-based polymer component having a density ranging from 0.9 to 0.930 g/mL and a melt flow rate up to 4 g/10 min; the ethylene-based polymer component is selected from:

(i) a linear polyethylene (i) consisting of ethylene and 0.5 to 20% by mole of a CH_2=CHR α-olefin, where R is a hydrocarbon radical having 2-8 carbon atoms; and

(ii) a polymer blend (ii) having (a) 80-100 parts by weight of a random interpolymer of ethylene with at least one CH_2=CHR α-olefin, wherein R is a hydrocarbon radical having 1-10 carbon atoms, the random interpolymer of ethylene comprising up to 20 mol% of a CH_2=CHR α-olefin and the random interpolymer of ethylene having a density between 0.88 and 0.945 g/mL; and (b) from 5 to 30 parts by weight of a random interpolymer of propylene with at least one CH_2=CHR α-olefin, wherein R is a hydrocarbon radical having from 2 to 10 carbon atoms; the interpolymer of propylene comprising from 60 to 98% by weight of units derived from propylene, from 2 to 40% by weight of recurring units derived from a CH_2=CHR α-olefin, wherein R is a hydrocarbon having from 1-10 carbon atoms, and from 0 to 10% by weight of recurring units derived from ethylene; and the random interpolymer of propylene having a xylene-insoluble fraction at room temperature greater than 70%;

the film having a ratio between a MD Elmendorf tear resistance and a TD Elmendorf tear resistance of 0.3 or less.